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SUBJECT: VESCO CAPITALIZING ON SEC STORY

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- 1. "LA REPUBLICA" MARCH 13 CARRIED ON FRONT PAGE
  UPI ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN "WALL STREET JOURNAL."
  "LA REPUBLICA'S LEAD WAS "LIE WAS TO FAVOR FESCO,"
  AND ARTICLE ITSELF CONTINUED INSIDE TO STRESS THE
  LEAD POINT. "LA NACION" RAN THE ITEM WELL INSIDE
  AS A REGULAR NEWS ITEM UNDER LEAD "RECOMMEND
  DISCIPLINE OF LAWYER WHO LIED TO FAVOR VESCO."
- 2. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL FRIENDLY CALLS URGING THAT A USG POSITION BE TAKEN TO CLARIFY VESCO'S DISTORTION SINCE THE READER OF THE UPI ARTICLE DOES NOT EASILY UNDERSTAND ITS RATHER SUBTLE MEANING NOR READILY RELATE IT TO THE WIDELY PUBLICIZED VESCO POSITION
- 3. SINCE VESCO'S DISTORTIONS CLEARLY HAVE HAD A BROADER IMPACT THAN MERE REPETION OF THE FACTUAL UPI DISPATCH CAN COUNTER, EMBASSY AGAIN RECOMMENDS THAT APPROPRIATE U.S. AGENCY RELEASE A CONFIDENTIAL

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STATEMENT TO THE PRESS WHICH WILL DIRECTLY SERVE TO SUB-

STANTIATE THE INTEGRITY OF U.S. POSITION ON VESCO AND THE
FACTS SURROUNDING THE COOK MATTER.
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